

Expert Review

Eva Page

No. BJC/35

Date of Birth:

Code A

Date of Death: 3 March 1998

Mrs Page was transferred to Gosport War Memorial Hospital on 27 February 1998 for palliative care having been treated at Queen Alexander Hospital as an emergency suffering with anorexia, decreasing mobility and dehydration.

On admission to Gosport War Memorial it was apparent that Mrs Page was dying of carcinoma of the lung. She was confused and agitated to begin with and a trial of tranquillisers did not produce any improvement. She was treated with Diamorphine and a Fentanyl patch mainly for sedation although the expert questioned whether this was appropriate in view of the lack of pain complained of. The experts agree that the cause of death was natural.